



E-Read Texas: TSLAC, Biblionix, DPLA & Amigos

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E-Read Texas!

TSLAC Director's Blog



THE DIRECTOR with

<http://bit.ly/e-read-texas>

E-Read Texas – TSLAC E-book project



I am excited to announce the launch of E-Read Texas, a new statewide initiative to bring E-books to Texans through libraries starting with small community libraries in all parts of the state.

The E-Read Texas program will provide e-book content via an easy-to-use platform that will allow readers to simultaneously see TSLAC content alongside any provided by their local libraries.

TSLAC has signed an agreement with Amigos Library Services to implement SimplyE, an open source e-book application, in small community libraries across the state, starting with those using the Biblionix Apollo integrated library system. In July and August, Amigos will work with those libraries to make the application available to their customers. In September, TSLAC will make e-books available to libraries and readers across Texas. Any library that has enabled the SimplyE application will be able to easily offer E-Read Texas content alongside whatever e-books DPLA currently offering through other providers.

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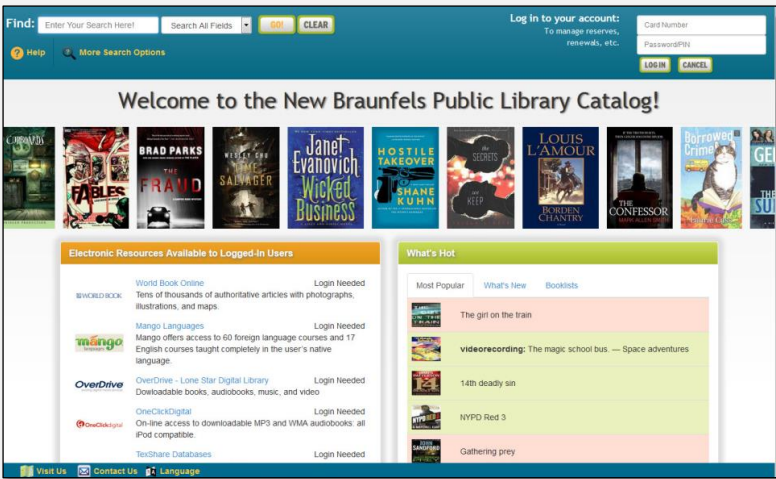


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Who?

You!

- Texas public libraries
- Apollo Biblionix



What?

What . . .

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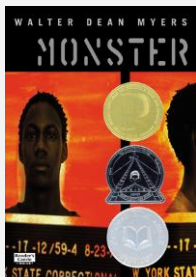
E-Read Texas

- TSLAC will create a statewide collection of ebooks
- Ebooks will be available using the SimplyE app
 - Libraries work with Amigos for set-up
 - Patrons can read TSLAC-provided ebooks alongside their own ebooks




What Content will E-Read Texas Offer?

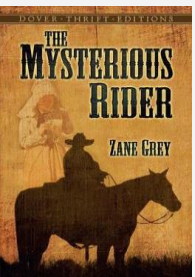
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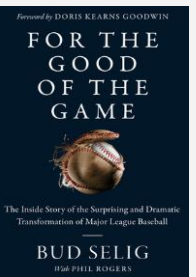
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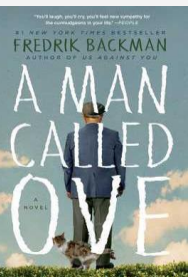
Classics



Genre Fiction



Popular Non-Fiction



Popular Fiction

Collection Scope



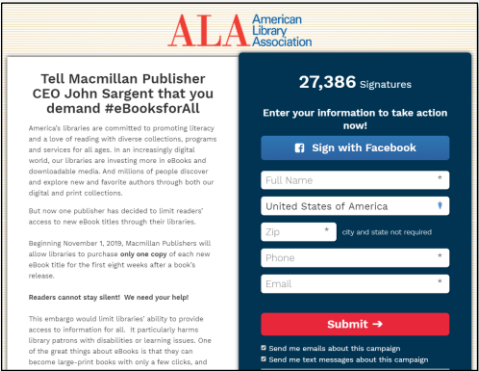
- Intended to complement collections maintained by small and medium-sized community libraries in Texas.
- Materials chosen will only consist of adult titles at this time, including fiction, young adult crossover, and popular non-fiction. The collection will include English and Spanish language e-books. The collection will not include erotica or reference materials.

Selection Criteria

- Collection scope and subject priorities
- Timeliness of the material/date of publication
- Current and potential relevance to the needs of the communities served
- Author expertise
- Publisher reputation and editorial model
- Whether the title is part of a series that should be completed
- Awards the title has received
- Language of the publication
- Suitability of material for the intended audience
- Reviews from professional journals and reviewers
- Existing gaps and strengths of the collection
- Representation of diverse points of view
- Significance of the work to local, regional, or state interests
- Licensing model (unlimited simultaneous use/perpetual access preferred; caps on metered usage are strongly discouraged)

Copies and Holds

Perpetual non-metered access is preferred!



But sometimes we can't avoid limits:

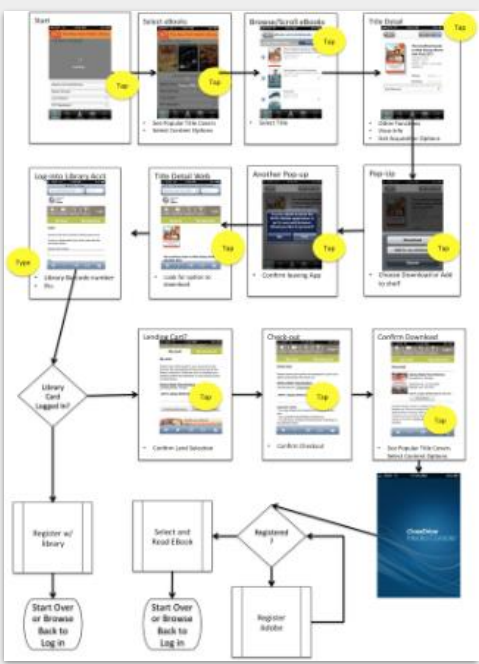
- Initial copies
 - Non-fiction: 10
 - Fiction: 10-50 copies
High-demand fiction is expected to be needed for book club titles and school assignments
- Hold ratio
 - 6 holds per copy for e-books until a maximum of 250 copies is purchased
 - After 250 copies of any single title are purchased, TSLAC may attempt to negotiate a statewide license with publishers

The Fine Details

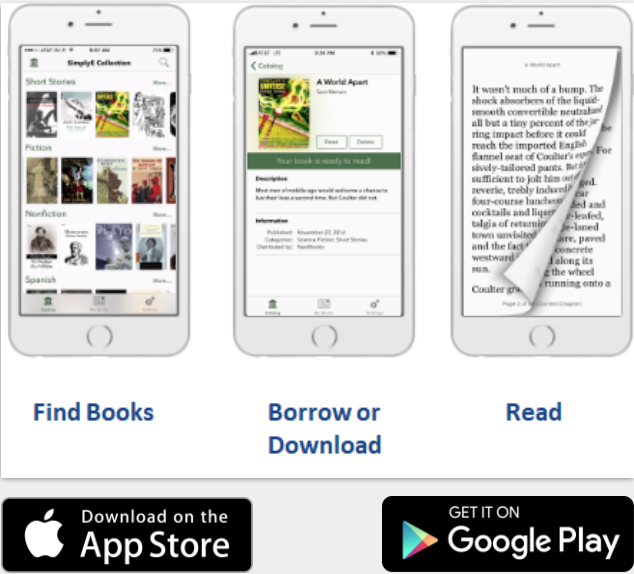
Collection	Average Cost per Title	# Titles	Access Term	Metering	Simultaneous Users
DPLA Open BookShelf	Free	250+	Perpetual	None	Unlimited
BiblioBoard (independent publishers)	\$160	1,928	Perpetual	None	Unlimited
DPLA Exchange Perpetual Access	\$15	321	Perpetual	½ metered (26 uses)	1
DPLA Exchange Two-year term, Metered	\$40	123	Two Years	52 uses	1
DPLA Exchange One-year term, Metered (future purchase)	\$36	89	One Year	26 uses	1

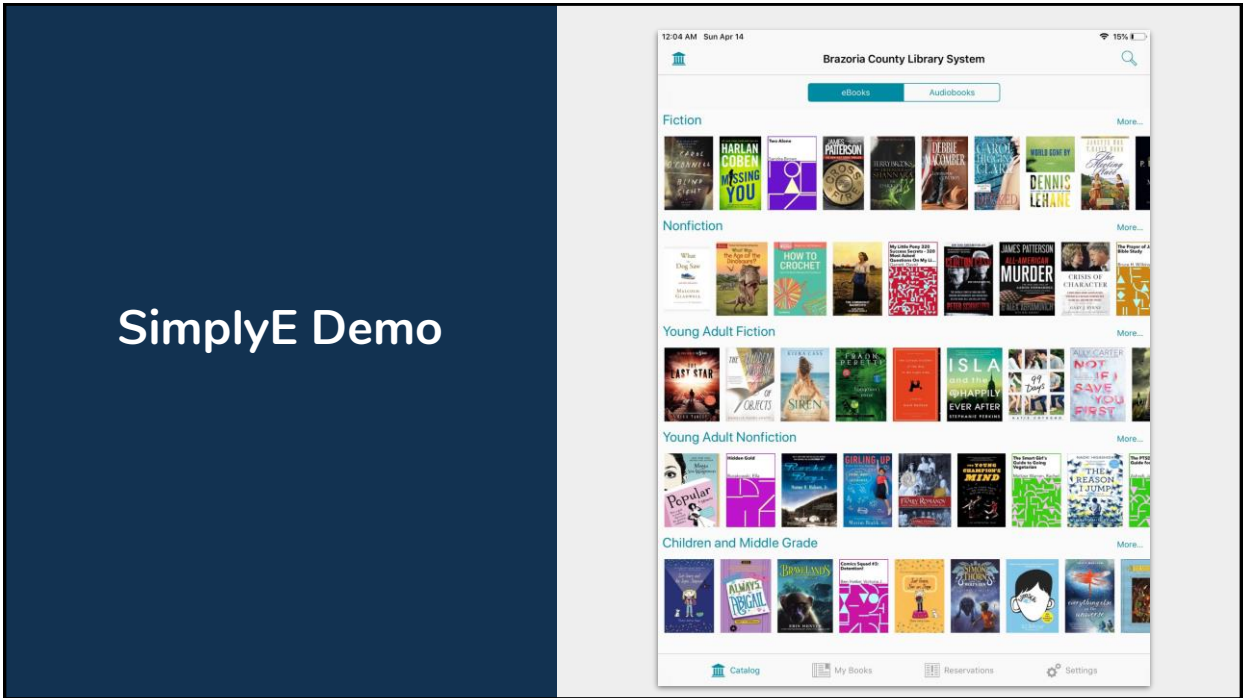
SimplyE is an open source ebook platform developed by libraries for libraries. It simplifies your patrons’ users experience finding, borrowing and reading an ebook from the library.

SimplyE Takes This

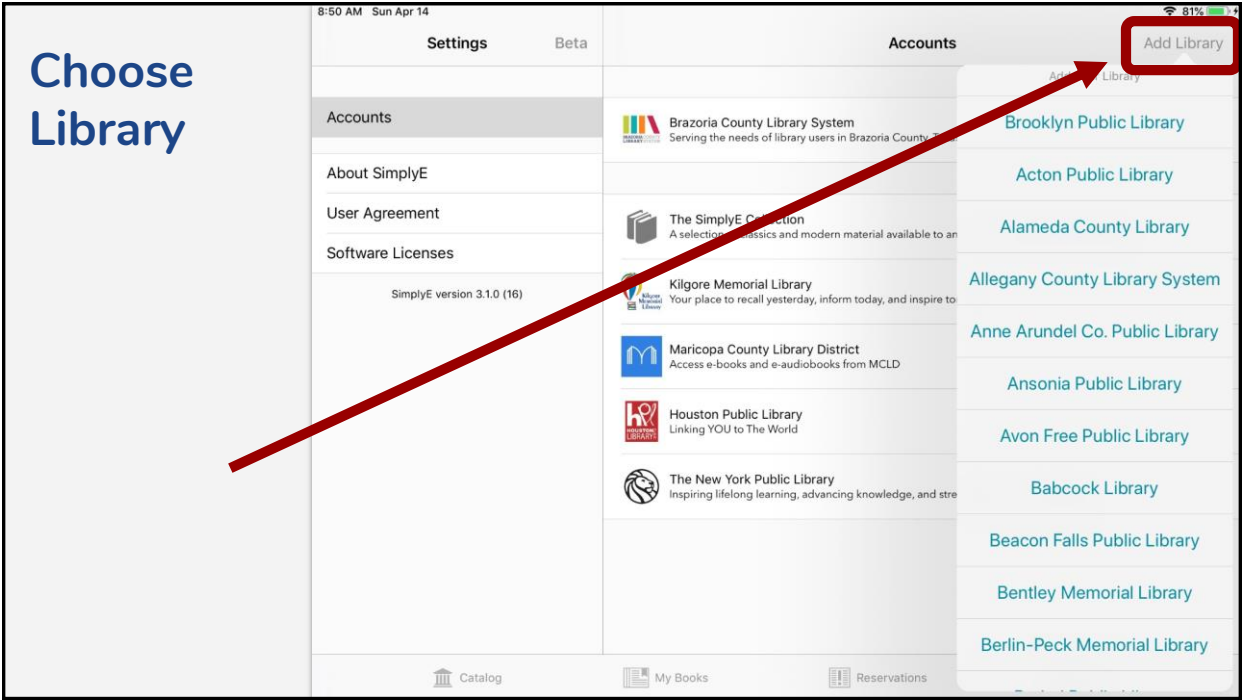


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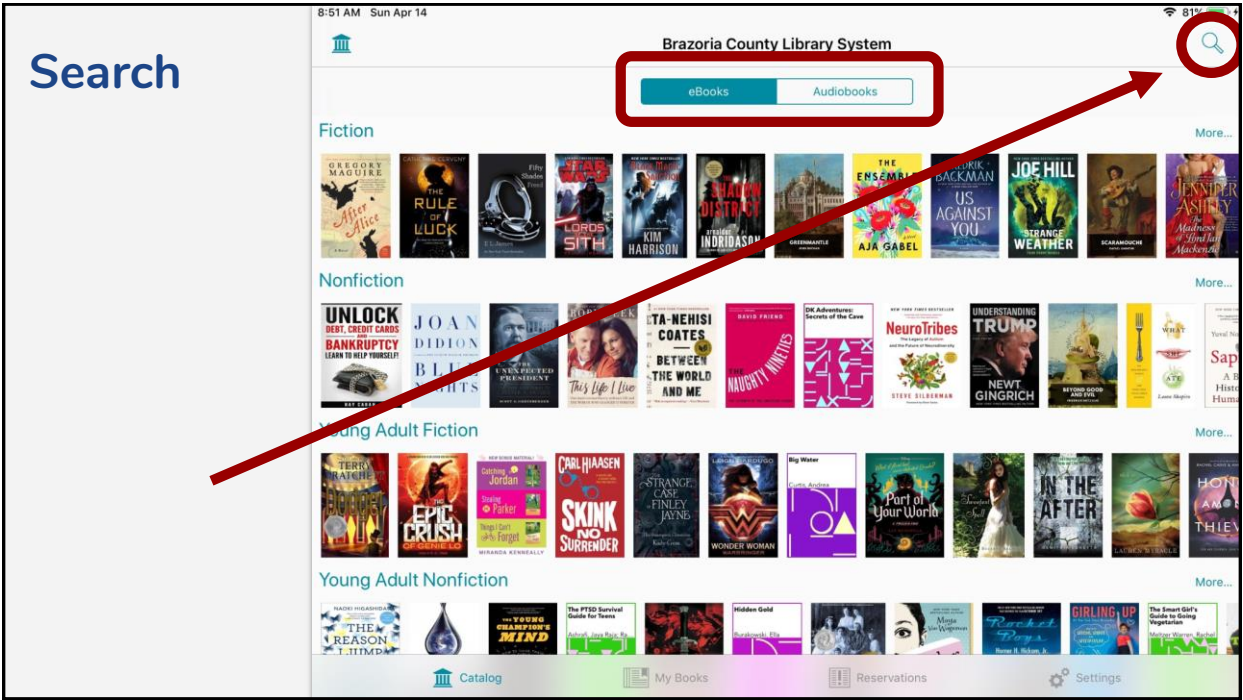


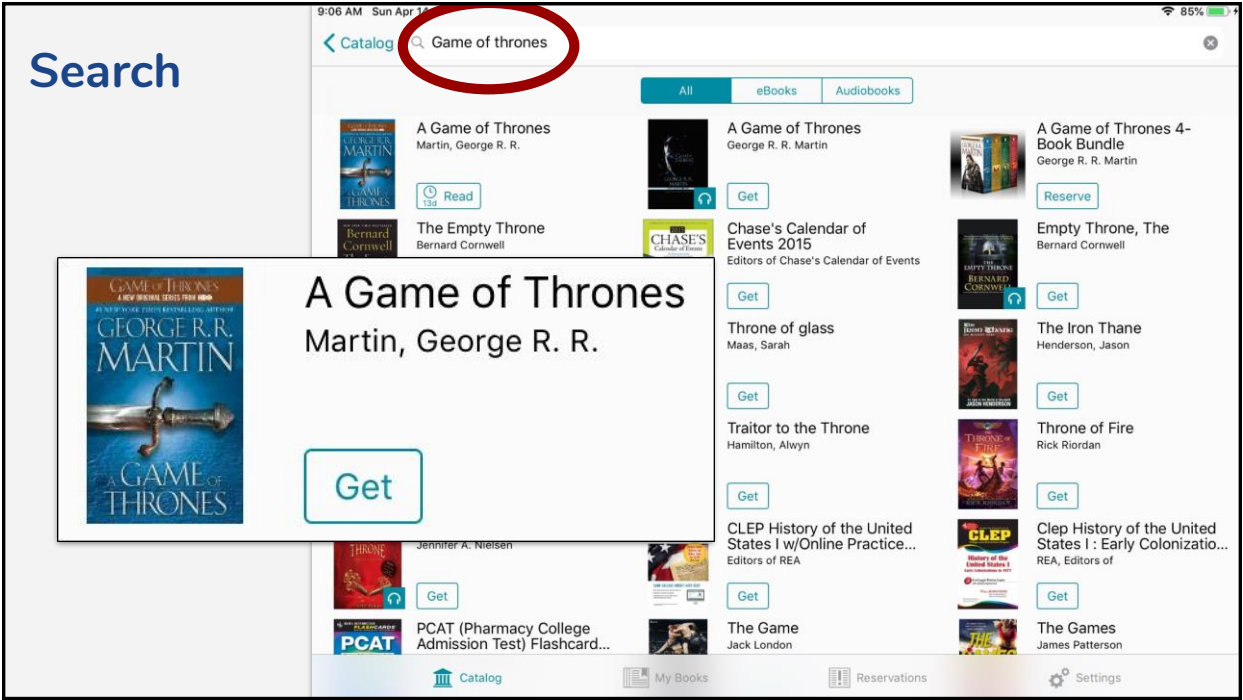


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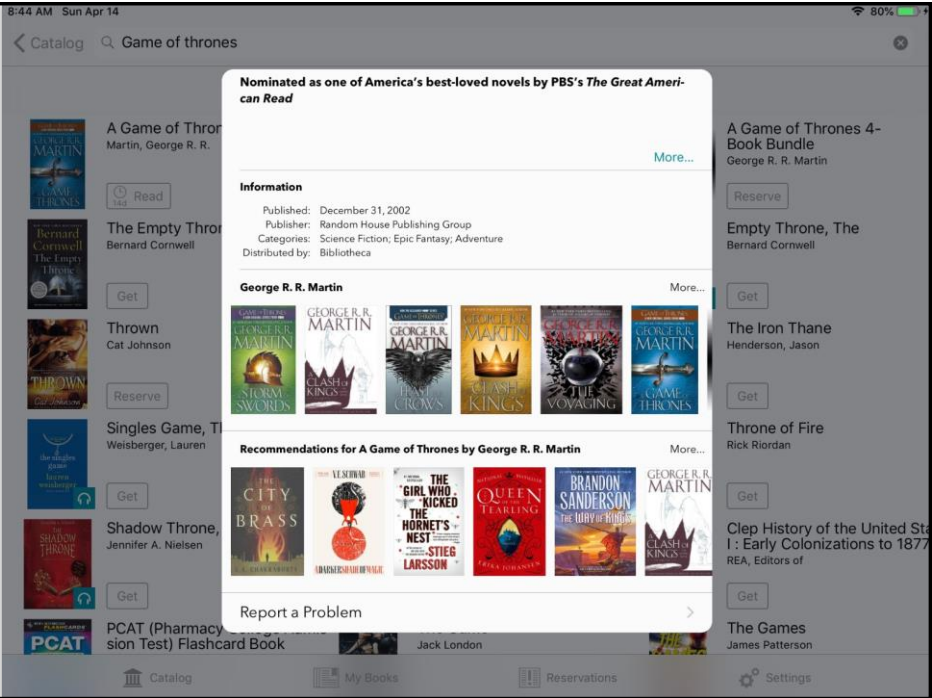


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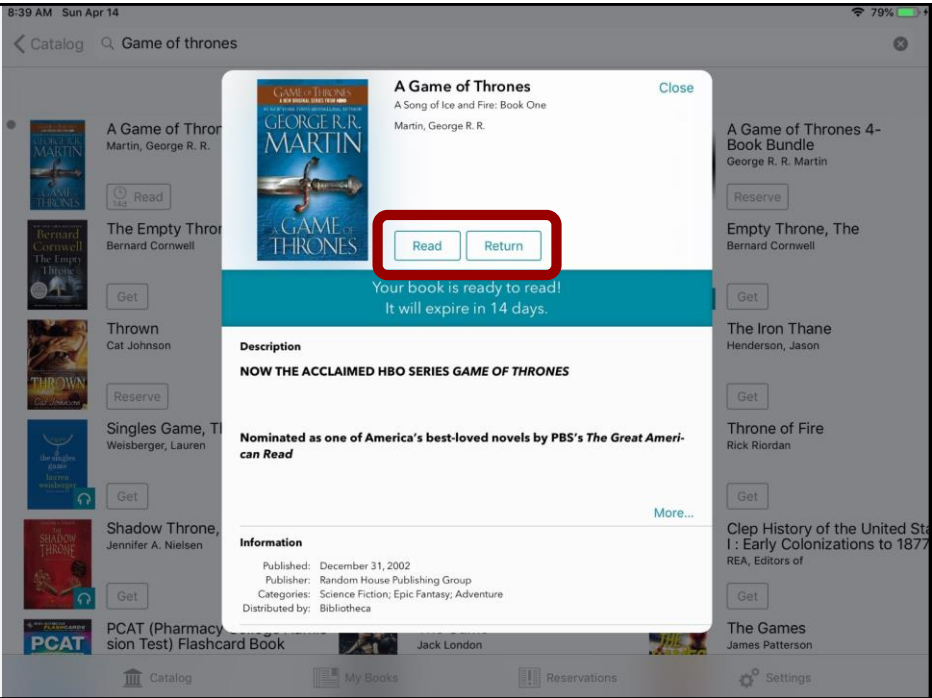




Novelist Integration



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“Must ride. Ride. No.” halt. If any
“He fell from his horse,” them that my time is near
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broad face was impassive, but hollo, bring up the slaves,
his voice was leaden. they must put up the *khal’s*
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Dany told him. “We have rid- “You do not command me,
den far enough today. We *Khaleesi*,” Qotho said.
will camp here.” “Find Mirri Maz Duur,” she
“Here?” Haggo looked around told him. The godswife would
them. The land was brown be walking among the other
and sere, inhospitable. “This is Lamb Men, in the long column
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“It is not for a woman to with her chest.”

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Seasons of My Mother, The

Harden, Marcia Gay

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Part 1 of 19

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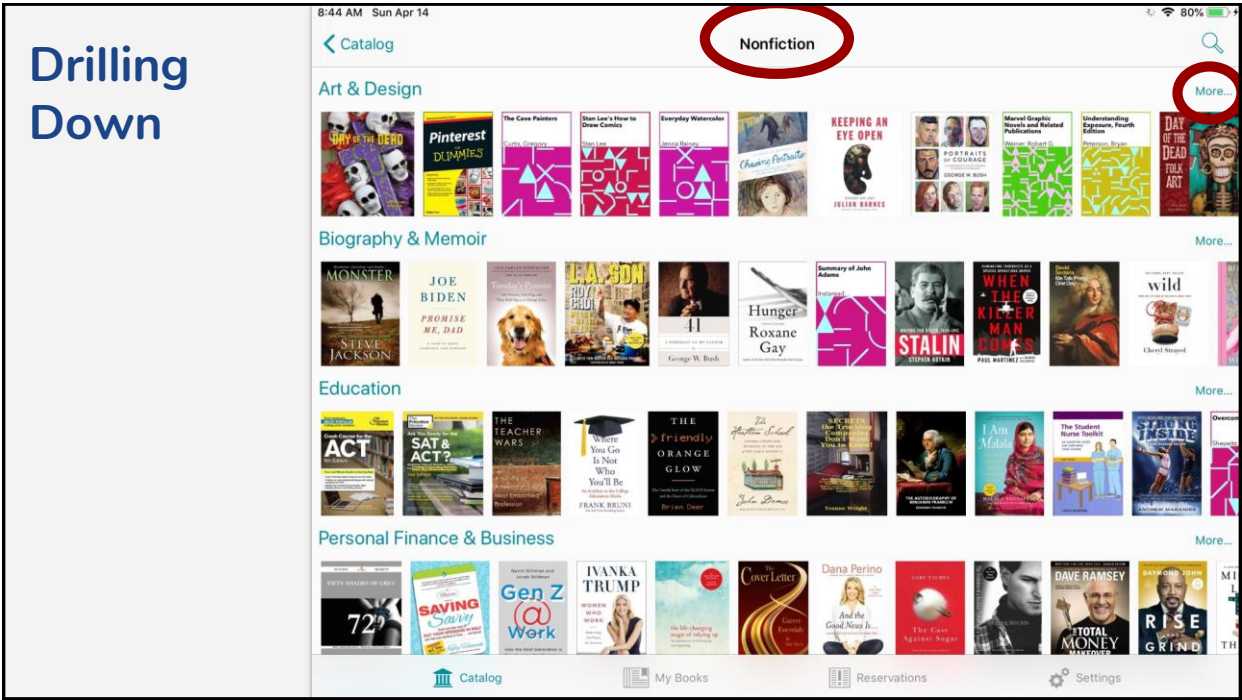
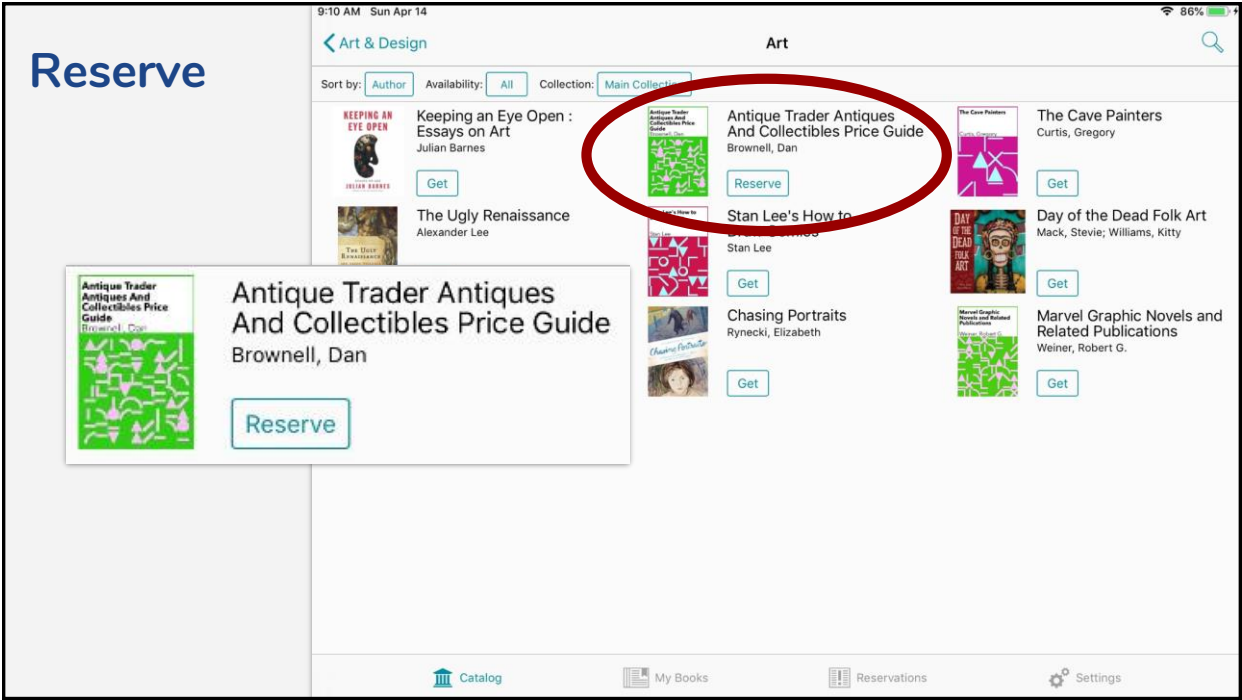
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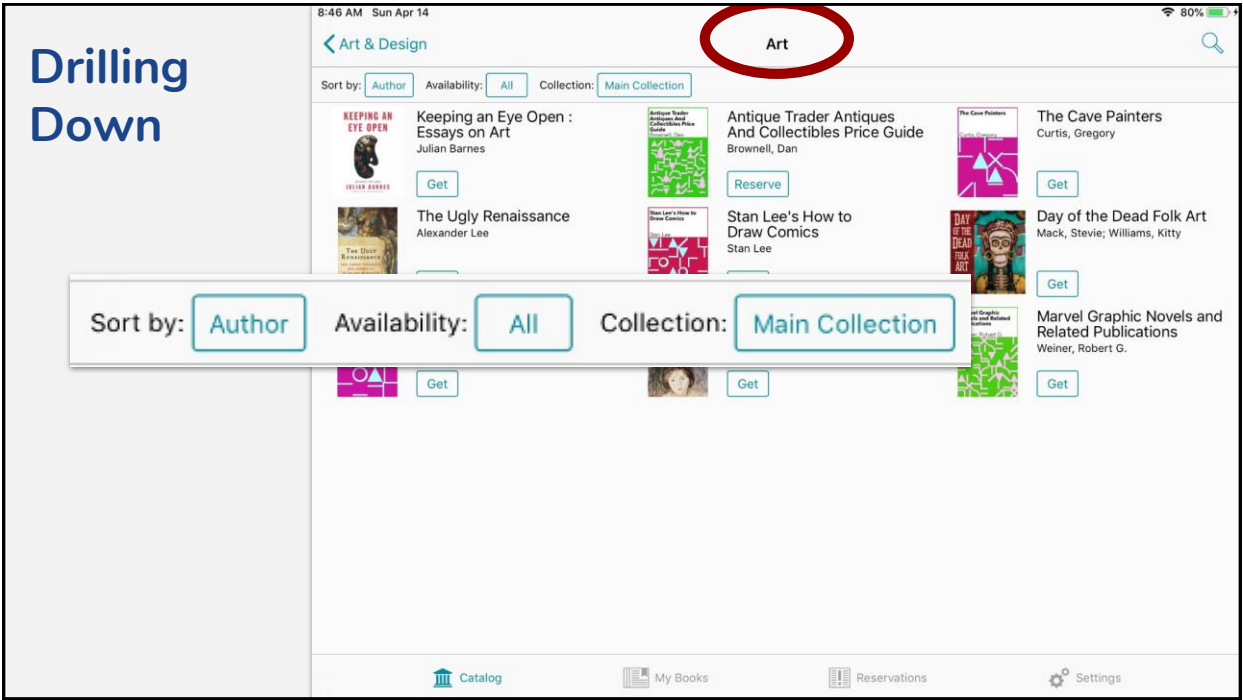
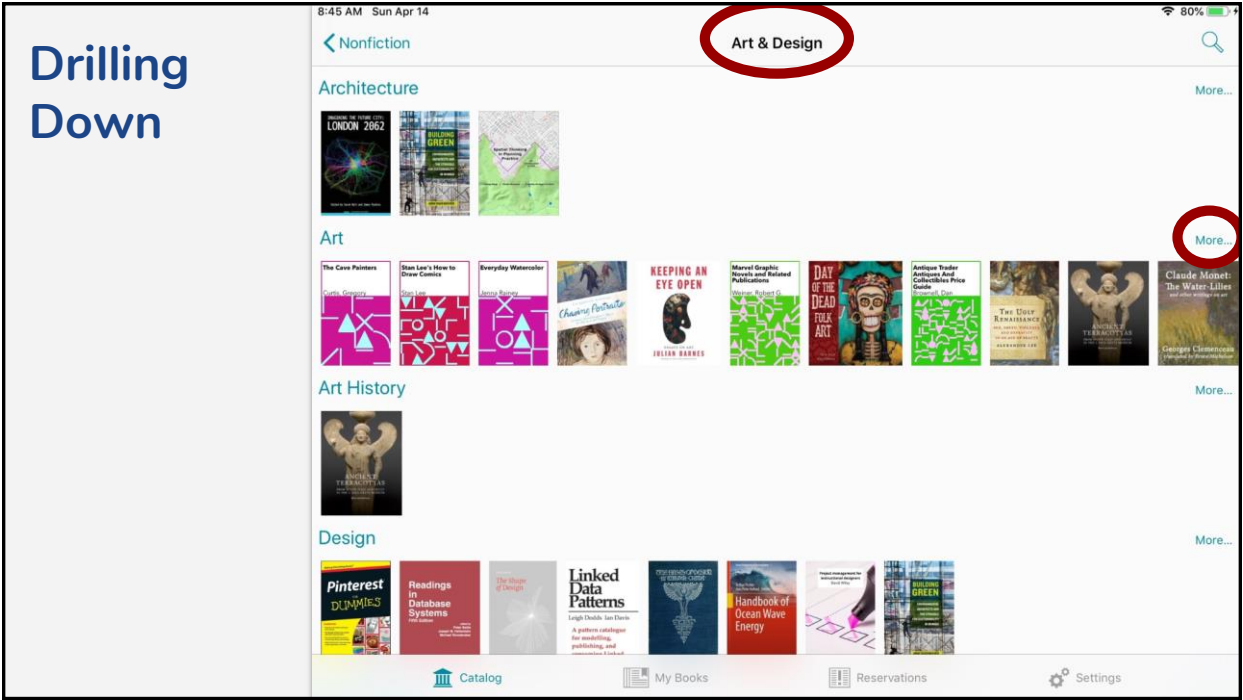
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SimplyE Collection

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< Fiction

Classics

Sort by: Author


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Edwin A. Abbott

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The Tent
Margaret Atwood




Pride and Prejudice
Jane Austen

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


Villette
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Willa Cather




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Persuasion
Jane Austen

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Sense and Sensibility
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Wuthering Heights
Emily Bronte

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The Grand Babylon Hotel
Arnold Bennett

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Villette
Charlotte Bronte

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Breakfast at Tiffany's and
three stories
Truman Capote

Get



Innocence of Father
Brown, The
G. K. Chesterton

Catalog

My Books

Reservations

Settings


My Books

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Brazoria County Library System


Sort By: Author

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Harden, Marcia Gay

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Martin, George R. R.

Read



Man's Search for Meaning
Viktor E. Frankl

Listen

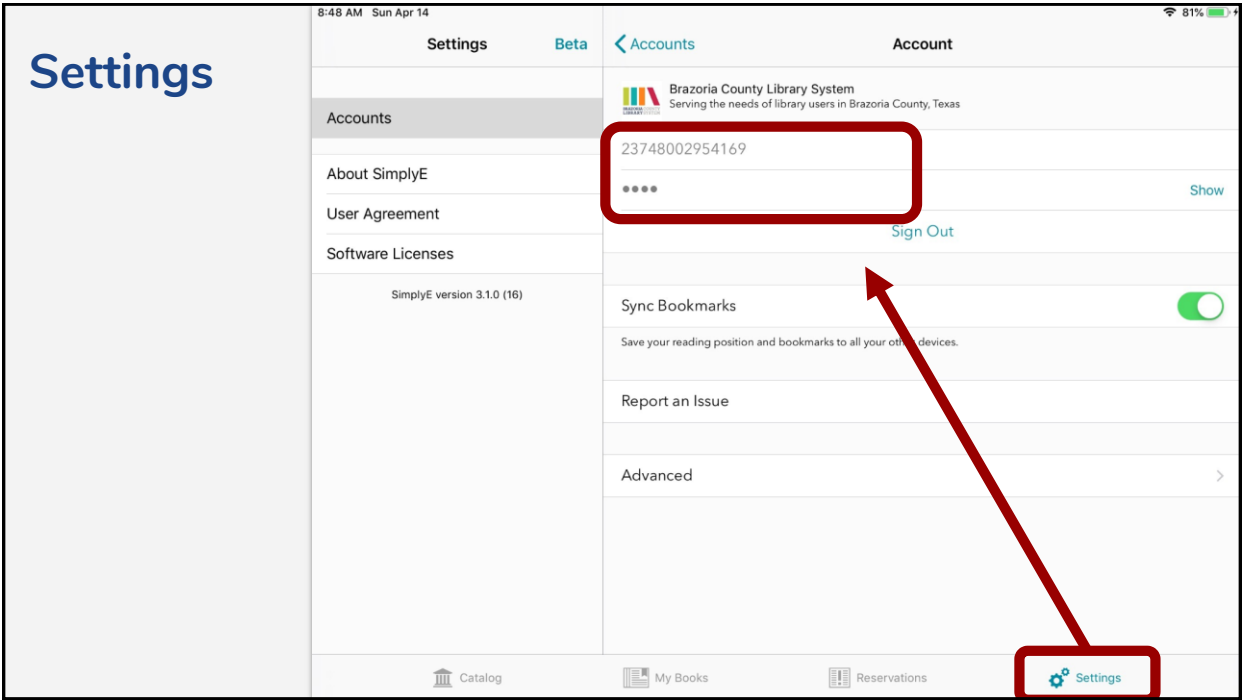
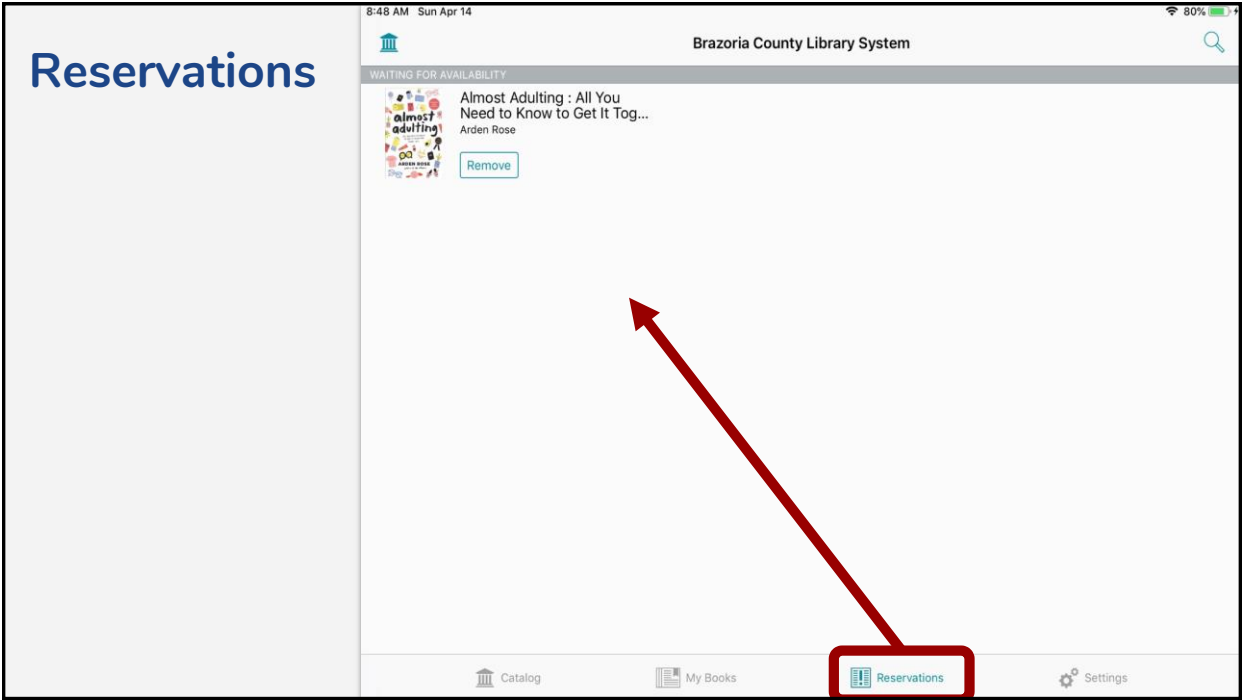
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Where?

Where . . .

- Do my ebooks live?
- Are my statistics?
- Do I get help?
- Is the money coming from?



When?

When . . .

- Can we start?
- Does it end?
- Do you need information from me?



Why?

Why . . .

- Now?
- Why did it take so long?
- Why SimplyE?



How?

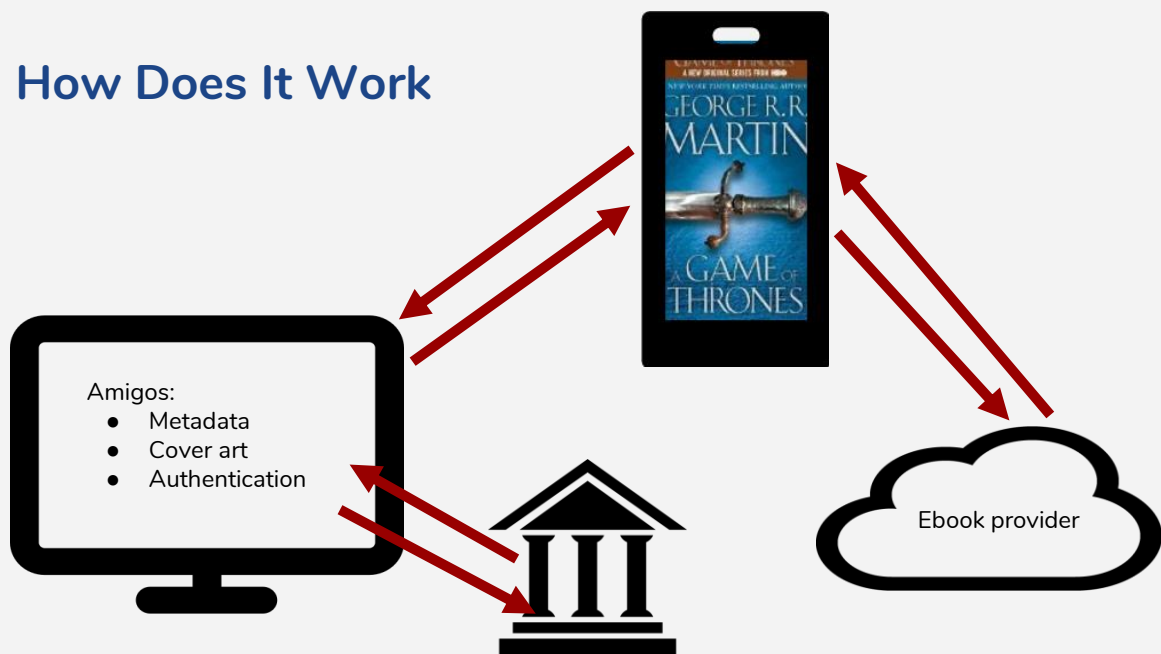
How . . .

- Will it work?
- Does SimplyE work?
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How Will It Work?

- Annual Assembly meeting & webinar to gauge interest
- Library staff download SimplyE app and play with SimplyE Collection
- Signed agreement between Amigos and library
- Complete & submit form with basic library information for Amigos
- Amigos contacts (most) ebook vendors for set up
- Library tests app; works with Amigos
- Library publicizes app to patrons regularly over next 2 years
- TSLAC, Amigos and libraries communicate throughout


How Does It Work



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Read Now. Read Everywhere.

Patrons who love eBooks and digital audiobooks, but were frustrated by having to use separate apps for each provider can now simplify their digital experience using the new open-source app SimplyE. This app was developed by the


New York Public Library and is now available to BCLS cardholders.

SimplyE provides library patrons access to the digital content provided to BCLS by Cloud Library, RBDigital and Odillo, as well as a free public domain SimplyE collection.


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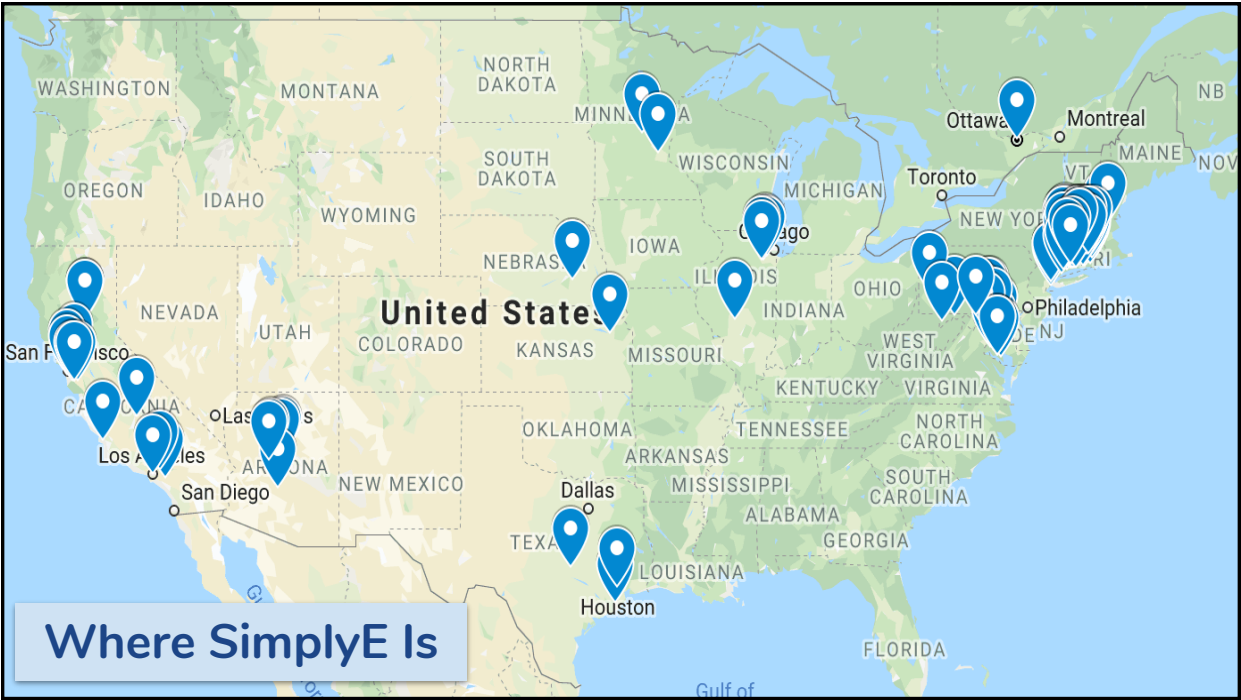
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Current & Future Christine

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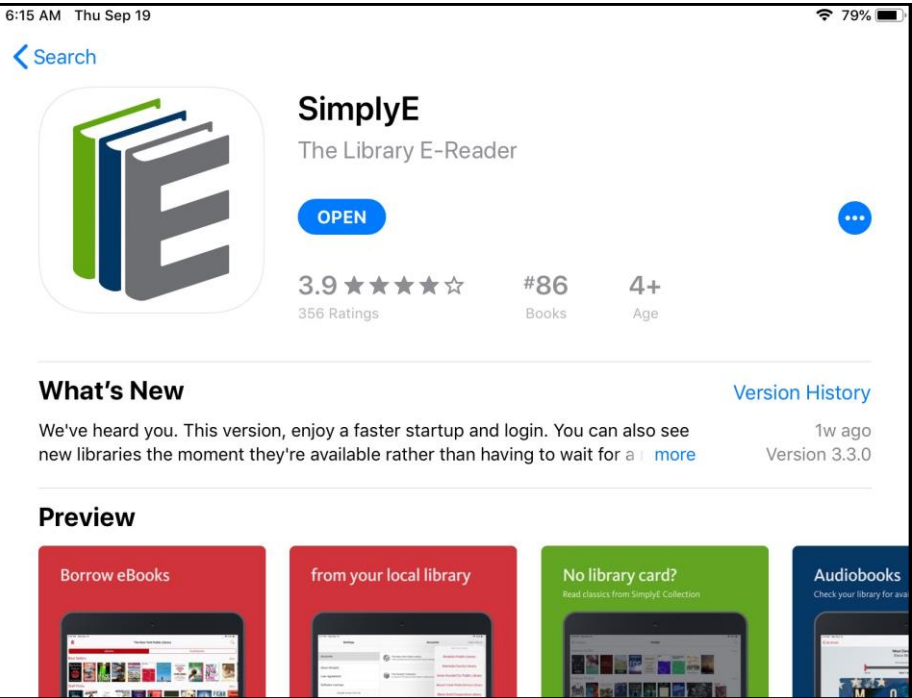
- Libraries testing; some implementation
- Active development
- Hosting available through Amigos & Lyrasis
- Web-based SimplyE underway
- DPLA Exchange



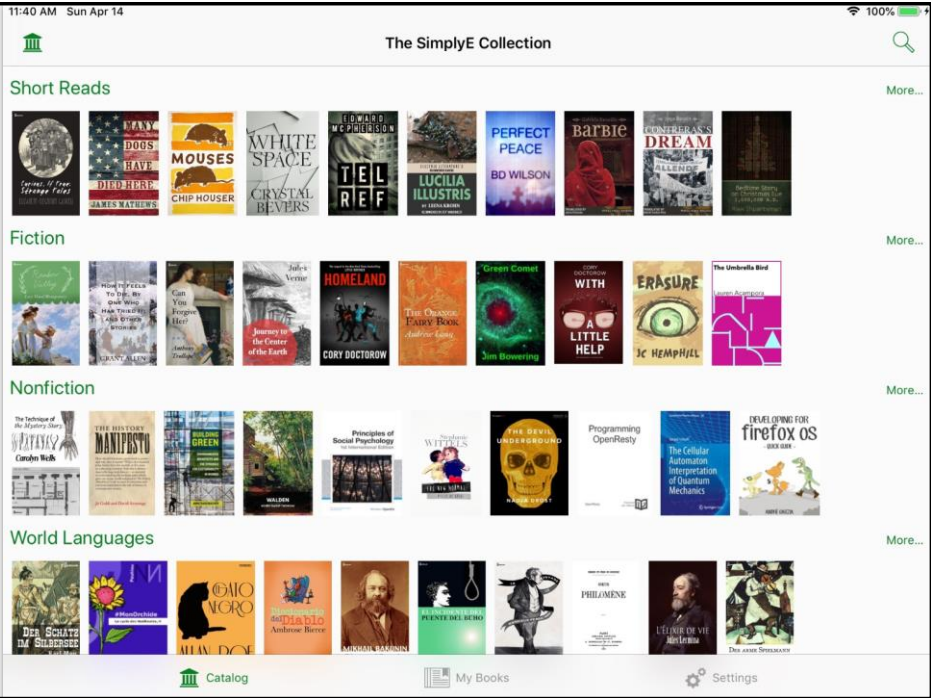
Future . . .

- OverDrive audiobooks
- PDF support
- Academic patrons
- Geolocation
- Hoopla
- Patron & library instructions/documentation
- Upload locally-created materials
- More content providers

Try It Yourself



SimplyE Collection



Questions

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